

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A process for multivariate data analysis comprising the steps of:

using a computer in conjunction with a Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization process to determine normal Gram-Schmidt vectors corresponding to observable normal values of a plurality of normal datum where at least one of said plurality of normal datum has non-zero standard deviation;

computing abnormal Gram-Schmidt vectors corresponding to observable abnormal values of a plurality of abnormal datum;

computing a signal to noise ratio for said normal Gram-Schmidt vectors and said abnormal Gram-Schmidt vectors to obtain abnormal predicted values; and

using said abnormal predicted values for a future prediction.

2. (Original) The process of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

computing dynamic signal to noise ratios for said normal Gram-Schmidt vectors and for said abnormal Gram-Schmidt vectors.

3. (Original) The process of claim 2 wherein said dynamic signal to noise ratio, η_j is equivalent to:

$$\beta_j^2 / V_e \quad (13)$$

where $\beta_j = [\sum_{i=1}^t M_i U_{ij}] / r$, M_i is the i^{th} value of said plurality of abnormal datum, U_{ij} is selected from the group consisting of: said normal Gram-Schmidt vectors and said abnormal Gram-Schmidt vectors, V_e is

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^t U_{ij}^2 - (1/r) \left[\sum_{i=1}^t M_i U_{ij} \right]^2 \right) / (t-1)$$

where i is an integer between 1 and t , and j is an integer between 1 and k .

4. (Original) The process of claim 1 further comprising the step of: comparing said abnormal predicted values to said observable abnormal values of said plurality of abnormal datum.
5. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein said observable abnormal values are assigned.
6. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein said observations on k variables relates to medical diagnosis.
7. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein said observations on k variables relates to quality of a manufactured product.
8. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein said observations on k variables relates to financial markets.

9. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein said observations on k variables relates to voice recognition.

10. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein said observations on k variables relates to TV picture recognition.

11. (Currently Amended) A process for multivariate analysis comprising the steps of: using a computer to calculate Gram-Schmidt orthogonal vectors satisfying the equation:

$$U_1 = (u_{11}, u_{12}, \dots, u_{1n})$$

$$U_2 = (u_{21}, u_{22}, \dots, u_{2n})$$

$$U_k = (u_{k1}, u_{k2}, \dots, u_{kn})$$

for a sample size n and observations on k variables, wherein the mean of said Gram-Schmidt orthogonal vectors is zero;

calculating for each of said Gram-Schmidt vectors has a standard deviation, where at least one of said Gram-Schmidt vectors has a non-zero standard deviation; and

calculating a Mahalanobis distance corresponding to each of the k observations that satisfies the equation:

$$MD_j = (1/k) [(u_{1j}^2/s_1^2) + (u_{2j}^2/s_2^2) + \dots + (u_{kj}^2/s_k^2)]$$

where j is an integer from 1...n.

12. (Original) The process of claim 11 further comprising creating a Mahalanobis space database comprising Gram-Schmidt vector means, Gram-Schmidt standard deviations, Gram-Schmidt coefficients, and Mahalanobis distances corresponding to the k observations.

13. (Original) The process of claim 11 wherein said observations on k variables relates to medical diagnosis.

14. (Original) The process of claim 11 wherein said observations on k variables relates to quality of a manufactured product.

15. (Original) The process of claim 11 wherein said observations on k variables relates to financial markets.

16. (Original) The process of claim 11 wherein said observations on k variables relates to voice recognition.

17. (Original) The process of claim 11 wherein said observations on k variables relates to TV picture recognition.